



Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Via Zoom

Attendance: David White, Johanna Meyer, Stephan Miller, Ann LeRoyer, Michael Ratner, George Stephens.

Agenda –

1. Check-ins and **Observations** from around the Res.

The ice is gone. The swans have returned as well as a few geese and ducks. The perimeter path is quite useable. There is a concern about the steep path entrance next to Lex Farm and steps were suggested. There is still work to be done on the beach and parking lot area before the official opening this spring. The Picture Posts need some repair and updating which the Open Space committee is working on. There were black beaked and orange beaked swans(Mute), Canadian geese, Mallard and Merganser ducks and a few pipers around the reservoir. The witch hazel is blooming.

2. Review of **previous meeting notes**. Accepted Meeting Notes for February 2022.

3. **Spring planting plans** – Workday is Saturday Mar 19 with a Rain date of Mar 26th

The plans for this year include preparing the soil and planting the first twenty feet of the habitat garden area. Tasks for the next workday are include cutting the tall grasses and cleaning up, beginning the preparation of the soil for the first twenty feet. There may be Invasive species removal from across from the garden near Mill Brook. (Oriental Bittersweet, Knotweed)

4. **Invasive plant control** – ArMI Elaine Crowder's group is forming small groups to choose project areas for invasive plant removal and later the next step of planting native species. May 15th for a Garlic Mustard Pull at Arlington Res.

5. **Hurd Field** work plan is being discussed in the ComCon Meeting and the improvement on the bridge path will be included with the Reservoir and Hurd Field work.

6. **Water Bodies Fund** - The Reservoir Committee agreed to endorse the Water Bodies Funding request which supports harvesting water chestnuts at the Res.

7. **Res Reopening** - Participation in the Reservoir Grand Opening on June may include the having children plant a plant in the garden and posting signs.

8. **Next Meeting April 19th. Workday March 19th** with rain/cold date of March 26th